

SECRET

30 October 1954

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief of Operations, SR Division

SUBJECT : Message No. 5 from CAMBARO/2

1. The subject message contains the following indicators:
 - a. In the overt text the date is written 16/X 54g in order to show freedom from control.
 - b. The message is signed "ARTUR", misspelled correctly, in order to show freedom from control.
 - c. At the conclusion of the S/W text the date is written to the right of the signature and in the proper form (16/X 54G) in order to show freedom from control.
 - d. The period after "NR" in the heading of the S/W text is omitted in order to show freedom from control.
 - e. The first word of the third sentence of the S/W text begins with "A" in order to show freedom from control.
 - f. The final period of the last sentence of the S/W text is omitted in order to show freedom from control.
 - g. A nonsensical reply to the challenge word "MORALE" sent in our message No. 5 shows freedom from control.

2. No control and compromise indicators applicable to this message were omitted. It is noteworthy that this agent indicates no control by seven different indicators.

Acting Chief, SR/2

NAZI WAR CRIMES DISCLOSURE ACT

EXEMPTIONS Section 3(b)

- (2)(A) Privacy ☐
(2)(B) Methods/Sources ☒
(2)(G) Foreign Relations ☐

Declassified and Approved for Release
by the Central Intelligence Agency
Date: 2005

SECRET

SECRET

MESSAGE NO. 5 (FROM CAMBARO/2)

(See attached Memo for control and compromise indicators)

THE MISSION WAS UNSUCCESSFUL. WE ARE EXHAUSTED AND MY ANKLE IS OUT OF COMMISSION AGAIN. HOWEVER, WE ARE BOTH SAFELY BACK IN RIGA AGAIN, WHICH MAKES ME VERY HAPPY. IT COULD HAVE ENDED WORSE. WE MADE THE TRIP FROM RIGA TO MURMANSK WITHOUT ANY INCIDENTS FROM 13 TO 18 SEPTEMBER. IT HAD BEEN CLEAR EVEN BEFORE WE STARTED, ACCORDING TO OUR SCOUT, THAT WE WOULD HAVE TO AVOID THE CONTROLS, BECAUSE THE RECTANGULAR FRONTIER CACHET HAS DEFINITELY BEEN CHANGED. WE PLANNED TO GET OFF AS CLOSE AS POSSIBLE TO THE FIRST CONTROL POINT AT TIKOUKA AND THEN CONTINUE ON FOOT. WHEN TRYING TO FIND OUT AT THE BUS STATION ABOUT SUCH A PLACE AND ABOUT TICKETS, (C...) UNDERSTOOD THAT IN CONNECTION WITH SOME INCIDENT NEAR THE BORDER, ALL BRIDGES AND ROADS WERE BEING CHECKED. WE DID NOT WANT TO TAKE ANY FOOLISH CHANCES, AND WE WALKED SOUTH ALONG THE TULOMA RIVER TO CHECK THE BRIDGES AND TO SEE IF WE COULD CROSS THE RIVER WITHOUT ANY BRIDGES. WE SAW THAT ON THE KOLA AND MURMASA (sic) BRIDGES CARS WERE ACTUALLY STOPPED BY INSPECTORS. THERE WERE NO PEDESTRIANS. WE WALKED AS FAR AS THE NARROW PLACE (40 KM) AS INSTRUCTED BY YOU (IN YOUR W/T MESSAGE). EVEN THERE WE COULD NOT CROSS THE RIVER. WE HAD NO BOAT OR ANY OTHER WAY OF CROSSING. IT WAS NOT POSSIBLE TO SWIM, PARTICULARLY THIS TIME OF THE YEAR. WE WALKED ONLY BY NIGHT AS THE COUNTRYSIDE IS EASILY VISIBLE, EVEN THOUGH IT IS HILLY AND ROCKY. BEFORE WE REACHED THE NARROW PLACE, I SPRAINED MY FOOT AGAIN. WE SURVEYED THE RIVER FOR THREE DAYS AND HOPED THAT MY FOOT WOULD GET BETTER, BUT TO NO AVAIL. I TOLD (C...) TO WAIT FOR THE REMOVAL OF

SECRET

SECRET

- 2 -

THE CONTROLS AND TO GO ON ALONE. HE REFUSED TO GO ALONE OR TO LEAVE ME. WE DECIDED TO RETURN. WE MADE THE RETURN TRIP TO MURMANSK IN 7 NIGHTS. THE BRIDGES WERE STILL BEING CHECKED. WE RETURNED TO RIGA ON 5 OCTOBER. IT'S AN INEXCUSABLE DISGRACE THAT THE PROBLEM OF (SCHWEINEREI) EXFILTRATING AGENTS HAS NOT YET BEEN TAKEN CARE OF. WE SHALL NOT REPEAT THE ATTEMPT THIS FALL. I AM LIVING TEMPORARILY WITH MY HORSE-DOCTOR AND GETTING TREATMENT. I AM FEELING BETTER ALREADY. I WAS IN THE WOODS AFTER MY EQUIPMENT AND AT THE SAME TIME MADE MY (W/T) CONTACT. THE FIRST ATTEMPT (AT W/T) DID NOT SUCCEED. IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS I SHALL WRITE WHAT I HAVE DONE AND WHAT MY FUTURE PLANS ARE. TOO BAD I SHALL HAVE TO SPEND THE WINTER IN THIS "DUNG PIT". I AM LISTENING ON THE ASTERISK DAYS.

/s/

16 OCTOBER 1954

SECRET

~~Copy of this document~~